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CIVIL DEFENSE PROCEDURES, MOSCOW AREA

1. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
[REDACTED] all the workers at the plant were required to attend lectures conducted at the plant from time to time. These lectures covered many topics and were held in a designated shop where everyone would assemble. In 1953 or 1954, over a period of one month, one hour a week, the workers heard a series of lectures presented by the Plant Partorg or his representative relative to civil defense.
2. These lectures pertaining to civil defense were general in nature and in the main, discussed nuclear warfare, e.g. atom and hydrogen bombs. It included the theory behind these weapons, their development, past use, destructive powers as well as their immediate and after effects. They also included some general protective measures and instructions as to what to do in the event of war and a nuclear attack.
3. Usually, these, as all others, were given at the end of the working day. The workers were required to attend and their attendance was controlled by withholding their plant passes until such time as the lecture was completed. A question-answer period usually ensued but this was almost always brief because the workers wanted to go home. They attended the lectures reluctantly and in most cases, were disinterested in the topic regardless of its nature.

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4. No pamphlets or other forms of reading material were ever distributed during any of these lectures, civil defense or otherwise and no practice civil defense exercises, drills, etc. were ever held.

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5. [redacted] the entire labor force of the plant attended these lectures at one time or another.

6. Periodically, civil defense type lectures were given at various clubs primarily for the non-working adult populace. These were not mandatory but the people were encouraged to attend simply by request. Announcements to this effect were posted on the plant and club house bulletin boards, and by passing the word around. Although not mandatory, approximately 80 percent of the non-working populace attended all or at least one or two lectures dealing with civil defense. No specifics of these lectures were available [redacted] they were about the same as those given at the plant.

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7. [redacted] there were no bomb shelters available for personnel at the plant or in the plant's vicinity. However, [redacted] all new apartment buildings constructed after 1950 or so were equipped with large basement areas which were to be used as bomb shelters should the need arise. The entrances to these basements were equipped with double steel doors separated by a small compartment about two meters square. The basements were divided into a number of rooms, size unknown, and although there was no assignment of rooms to any family, groups of families, floors, etc., there was adequate space to accommodate all the inhabitants of the apartment building. The basements were equipped with ventilators but there were no emergency supplies of food, water, medicine or the like. Neither were there any provisions for sitting or sleeping. These basements were not marked as shelters but it was common knowledge that that was their purpose. Access to the basements varied; some were from the inside and some from the outside, but mostly the latter.

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